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SENATOR BARNETT: Chair recognizes Senator Burrows. Senator Keyes, you were next.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Cavanaugh, if he would yield.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Cavanaugh, would you answer a question of Senator Burrows?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR BURROWS: On line 14, page 2, the words "may irrevocably pledge", was that intended to be "may" or would the language "shall" fit better there? Was it your intention that they "shall irrevocably pledge" these funds?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm not working off the . . . I'm working off my own copy. I don't have line numbers, so just a second.

SENATOR BURROWS: Right, almost mid-page. As it reads: "political subdivision may irrevocably pledge a portion of all taxes, levied on the property in the project area". It does not say shall. I almost took it from your discussion of the bill that possible shall was intended.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, I think "may" is intended and the reason being because the pledge of the revenue would relate to the amount of debt. You would want that flexibility in there. You wouldn't want to pledge all the revenue if you didn't need that much revenue to retire the debt. So you want it flexible so it's relative to your situation.

SENATOR BURROWS: Thank you.

SENATOR BARNETT: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I just have a question but I think Senator Chambers has brought them out. I would like to ask Senator Cavanaugh a question.

SENATOR BURROWS: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR KEYES: When you speak, Senator Cavanaugh, of the revenue replacing the bonds. Now this is the bonds that you are going to issue to tear down, clear the land, and you are not going to use these bonds to build the buildings or anything like that. You're going to let that go to private industry I presume.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well it could be used for the redevelopment.

SENATOR KEYES: The money would be used for the redevelopment. Then who, at the end of the redevelopment, when the buildings were there, who would own the land after the taxes had paid off the revenue bonds that were against it? Whose going to own the land, the subdivision of government?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well there would have to be a sale. The intent is to eventually transfer the property.